

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 265

By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dwight Robert Wade on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Dwight Robert Wade celebrated his 100th birthday on March 14, 1907, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade was born and raised in Sevier County and is a highly-respected member of the Sevierville community; Mr. Wade has been so influential that Sevierville Mayor Bryan Atchley issued a proclamation which declared March 14, 2007, as "Dwight Robert Wade, Sr. Day"; and

WHEREAS, a member of the first graduating class of Sevier County High School, Dwight Wade gained fame as a halfback and quarterback of the so-called "scoreless wonders" school football team; and

WHEREAS, for forty-two years, Mr. Wade served as a pillar of Sevier County as the owner and operator of Wade's Department Store, in which position he earned the respect and friendship of his customers and the community; and

WHEREAS, Dwight Wade is the proud father of four sons: Gary, who is now a Tennessee Supreme Court Justice, Dwight Jr., Ken, and Sid; the loving grandfather of six; and the doting great-grandfather of six; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Wade enters his eleventh decade, he is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; he is the oldest member of the First Baptist Church in Sevierville and the only remaining charter member of the Sevierville Lion's Club; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dwight Robert Wade on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.